

VICTIMS OF ASPHYXATION.

Three Young Women Rescued From Death.
DIDN'T TURN OFF THE GAS.

Patience Efforts of Chief Seavey to Protect Prisoners—Estimates Allowed For Eighty Thousand Dollars of City Improvements.

Close Call to Death.

The house occupied by Frederick W. Lee, No. 208 Nineteenth street, was the scene of a sensation at an early hour yesterday morning. For a time it was thought that the lives of three young girls had departed, and even yet there is no certainty that the dark messenger will not call them to the shadowy shore before many hours. It was a case of asphyxiation, the usual "gas-turning on" in a bed-room causing the trouble. The names of the girls are Anna Bloom, Tillie Seaberg and Tillie Bloom. The first two are servants in Mr. Whitney's family, who occupy apartments in the house. The latter, a sister of the first named, came here on Saturday from Sinton, Ia., to visit her sister and to seek employment which she would have received to-day. She had been sick for several weeks and to this is attributed the cause of last night's trouble. The circumstances of the case are these: Between three and four o'clock Mrs. Charles S. Whitney heard moaning and groans from the lower part of the house. She awoke her husband and he descended to the basement. He found that the noises came from the servants' bed room which is about 8x8 and located in the northeast corner of the house. Mr. Whitney rapped on the door, but receiving no reply burst in. There a horrible sight met his gaze. The three young girls were on the floor apparently dead. The room was full of gas. The moaning Mrs. Whitney and Mrs. Lee came down stairs. The three windows in the room were thrown open, and Mr. Havens, a near neighbor, was called, while Mr. Whitney ran for Dr. Dyars, who lives in the next block. Upon the arrival of the doctor the three girls were taken into the dining room, just across the hallway, and efforts made to restore them to consciousness. Dr. Dyars desired assistance sent for Dr. Denise. The physicians and others at hand worked for four hours when Anna Bloom and Tillie Seaberg began to show signs of life. After another hour's labor Tillie Bloom was somewhat restored. Application was then made to the Child's hospital for the reception of the girls but owing to its crowded condition only one could be taken. Tillie Bloom being in the most precarious state was received and she lies there now at the point of death. She is kept awake by stimulants, but the physicians think she will recover. Tillie Seaberg was taken to the home of her brother, John, who is a clerk in A. D. Morse's shoe store, and resides at the corner of Davenport and Thirty-first streets. The latter two girls are out of danger. Anna Bloom is the only one who as yet gives any account of the affair. She says she remembers turning off the gas before the three retired. During the morning she heard a noise and started to get out of bed, but fell on the floor. Her opinion is that her sister got up and tried to open the door, endeavoring to light the gas, but being unused to its working failed and left the jet open. When the girls were found Anna Bloom was in a half reclining position, her head lying on her knees, Tillie Bloom was lying with her face against the wall, and Tillie Seaberg was lying on her back with her head near the door. The girls had evidently made an effort to get to the door, but fell unconscious before they could accomplish it. Mr. Lee is absent from the city on business. Mrs. Lee says she did not know that her domestics had a visitor, because they returned late at night. Had she known it she would not have permitted the three to have slept in the same room together, but would have provided other quarters for the visitor. All of them are young, ranging in age from sixteen to twenty years.

PUNISHING PRISONERS.

Something About Jail Blankets and Arrests by Special Policemen.

Some time ago Chief Seavey notified the council of the necessity of heating the jail, now that cold weather is approaching, but the notice so far as the chief is concerned was ignored, though it was learned that some of the members of the council had called upon A. L. Strang and that that gentleman had furnished an estimate as to the cost of heating the place. This estimate has not yet been acted upon and it is said that a wait is being made to receive another estimate. In the meantime the prisoners are now suffering at night. In consideration of this fact the chief yesterday made a requisition on Comptroller Goodrich for about twenty-five blankets and half a dozen coats. With these, he thought he could make some comfortable quarters for the poor wretches who are now dragged in at night, scantily clad and some without coats or vests. But the requisition was not honored, on the ground that one of the committees of the council would like to take action first. This leaves the chief with half a dozen dirty and disgusting blankets to protect his prisoners during the cold at night.

Some time ago a green was requested by the chief to hang on the iron lattice work which separates the cells from the jail office. This was done to keep the wind from rushing from the outside into the cells, as also to hide the prisoners whatever might transpire in the office. For the reason above specified the request was refused.

The chief cannot tell when he will be able properly to protect his prisoners who nightly come under his charge. Yesterday morning the following order was issued by that gentleman:

From and after this date all block watchmen and special policemen making arrests without a warrant, instead of calling the patrol wagon or bringing their prisoners to the jail turn over their prisoners to the nearest regular police officer on duty. It will be the duty of the police officer to thoroughly investigate the matter and unless he has reason to believe that the prisoner has committed a felony or that the prisoner is violating the laws of the state or ordinances of the city in the presence of said special policeman he should immediately release the charged. If on the other hand the regular police officer thinks the prisoner should be locked up, he shall take the name, location and residence of the special policeman (if arrested in the night time) and inform said special policeman that he must appear at the police court the following morning at 9 o'clock as complaining witness. The regular police officer should then send the prisoner to the jail and immediately report fully to the captain in court and in regard to the matter. Captains and sergeants will see to it that this order is strictly enforced.

By order of Chief of Police.

By way of explanation of this edict the chief said to a Bee reporter that it was absolutely necessary. The block and special policemen had been full way in their districts. They were hired by saloon and garden keepers and business men in blocks, and could patronize the bars as frequently as they felt disposed, and get paid, and thus incapacitate themselves for business. When in this condition, they frequently made arrests from which no conviction ensued and from which a great deal of expense

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Nearly Eighty Thousand Dollars For City Improvements.

The board of public works held a meeting on Saturday night, at which the following estimates were allowed:

Sewerage—James Fox, south branch South Omaha, \$3,446.50; P. Fox, North Omaha, \$1,571.50; Thompson & Bolander, north branch North Omaha, \$3,531.80; Mount & Griffin, district No. 42, \$18,883.71. Total, \$23,433.46.

Grading—Stuht & Hamel, Eleventh from Mason to Bancroft, \$1,843.32; Stuht & Hamel, Fourteenth to Castellar, \$458.04; Stuht & Hamel, Pacific, Tenth to Thirtieth, \$324; J. Ryan & Co., Leavenworth, Sixteenth to Thirtieth, \$1,064.51; C. E. Fanning & Co., Thirtieth, East to Cumming, \$884.34; same, California, Twenty-seventh to Thirtieth, \$411.17; O. H. Brown & Co., Twenty-eighth avenue, California to Burr, \$58.85. Total, \$5,070.53.

Curbing—Whalen & Brennan, Cass, Sixteenth to Twenty-second, \$2,821.08; C. D. Woodworth, Seventh, Jackson to Pierce, \$3,307.05; Murphy, Creighton & Co., Thirtieth, Hickory to Castellar, \$4,581.30; J. D. Woodworth, \$1,123.27. Total, \$10,670.70.

Paving—Hugh Murphy, district No. 97, Seventh, Jackson to Pierce, \$3,483.56; Barber Asphalt company, Davenport, Ninth to Fourteenth, \$11,550.20; Regan Brothers, \$5,147.18; same, Cass, Sixteenth to Twenty-second, \$8,560.05; Hugh Murphy, alley between Thirtieth and Fourteenth and Jackson and Howard, \$1,497.87; Barber Asphalt company, \$7,250.84. Total \$37,968.70.

Street signs—J. C. Smith & Co., \$233.45.

City hall—Sixth monthly installment, \$2,471.94.

Grand total allowed, \$79,983.84.

The board will hold a special meeting to-day at 1:30 p. m., to open bids for sewer on Dodge street, between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-eighth streets.

Bankers Life Ins. Co. of Nebraska.

Among the substantial business enterprises of the capital city the Bankers Life Insurance company of Nebraska is rapidly advancing in popular favor. The company is organized for the purpose of insuring the lives of the insured, and the company's capital is \$1,000,000. The company's assets are \$1,000,000. The company's liabilities are \$1,000,000. The company's surplus is \$1,000,000. The company's profits are \$1,000,000. The company's dividends are \$1,000,000. The company's interest is \$1,000,000. The company's expenses are \$1,000,000. The company's income is \$1,000,000. The company's net worth is \$1,000,000. The company's total assets are \$1,000,000. The company's total liabilities are \$1,000,000. The company's total surplus is \$1,000,000. The company's total profits are \$1,000,000. The company's total dividends are \$1,000,000. The company's total interest is \$1,000,000. The company's total expenses are \$1,000,000. The company's total income is \$1,000,000. The company's total net worth is \$1,000,000. The company's total total assets are \$1,000,000. The company's total total liabilities are \$1,000,000. The company's total total surplus is \$1,000,000. The company's total total profits are \$1,000,000. The company's total total dividends are \$1,000,000. The company's total total interest is \$1,000,000. The company's total total expenses are \$1,000,000. The company's total total income is \$1,000,000. The company's total total net worth is \$1,000,000.

Laborers of the Board of Education.

In conversation with a reporter yesterday morning, Prof. James, superintendent of schools, stated that when the new school board came into existence it had a herculean task before it. There were new buildings to be provided, new teachers to be selected—in itself an arduous undertaking—new methods to be adopted, when necessary, and, in fine, a host of matters, both in general and in detail, that seemed almost insurmountable. But by united effort, harmonious action and individual disposition on the part of each member of the board to do the utmost that in him lay, a result has been attained of the most gratifying character. The teachers, one and all, are in accord with the board and as a consequence friction has been reduced to a minimum and the schools are doing excellent work. To accomplish this the superintendent says, required an incessant amount of labor, so much so that every night in the week, except Sunday, the midnight oil would be seen burning in the rooms of the board. Yet other teachers are to be employed until 190 instructors shall be furnished in furtherance of the city's education. Already the major portion of the difficulties has been swept away, and it is fully expected that the result will be seen soon in a manner that will not only redound credit to those who have the schools in charge, but in a way which will be welcomed by the parents of the thousands of children in attendance.

Are You Going East?

The Limited Express of the Michigan Central, "The Niagara Falls Route," which leaves Chicago at 3:10 p. m. every day, is in many respects the favorite train East, on account of its splendid equipment, admirable service and fast time, for which no extra charge is made. It carries superb Wagner Palace Sleeping Cars, running through without change to Toronto via the Canadian Pacific, to New York via the New York Central & Hudson River, and to Boston via the Boston & Albany railroads. Niagara Falls is passed early in the morning and the train halts several minutes at Falls View, where the scene is unrivaled.

A Notable Trio.

The morning train for the west carried H. F. Farney, the celebrated sketch artist of Harpers, Charles H. Neihaus, one of America's great sculptors, and O. F. Aukney, the well-known mine superintendent of Deadwood. The first named goes to the Pacific coast to make "pictures" for the great publication he is connected with; Mr. Neihaus is called to San Francisco to consult with parties regarding the proposed Lick monument, and Mr. Aukney is on his return from a big speculative tour in the east.

CLEVELAND'S VISIT.

What the Knights of Pythias Propose to Do.

An imposing feature of the reception of President Cleveland in this city, October 13, will be the fraternal greeting to his excellency on the part of the Knights of Pythias.

The president has been a member of this order for several years, having been introduced to the mysteries of Knighthood in Buffalo, N. Y. It is the intention to request Mr. Cleveland to review the Pythian procession which occurs in this city during the session of the Nebraska grand lodge and on the day of the president's arrival. The programme has not been fully decided upon but the skeleton already prepared will give a slight idea of the proceedings. The president's party is booked to arrive here at 11 o'clock in the morning but earnest efforts are being made to so alter the arrangements that the distinguished guests will reach here at 10 o'clock.

If the president accepts the invitation to review the knights' procession, and it is very probable that he will, the visiting thousands will have an excellent opportunity of seeing the chief executive and the leading lady of the land. Previous to the arrival of the presidential train, the several divisions of the uniform rank, Knights of Pythias, and members not belonging to the uniform rank, will be formed in line in front of the depot upon the tenth street.

At the depot the guests will be met by the committees appointed by the board of trade and an escort composed of the chief officers of the uniform rank, mounted, will conduct the distinguished party up the long line of gallant knights to the east steps of the court house, from which the procession will be reviewed. The knights are acting in conjunction with other committees appointed by other powers and by no means desire to exhibit any selfishness in the reception of the president. It is however, thought by many, that nothing could be more appropriate than that the organization of which Mr. Cleveland is an honored member, should be accorded the privilege of taking a great share of the lead. The appearance of the knights upon this occasion will be one of splendor, and the entire number of knights in line will probably be 5,000. The Omaha and Nebraska No. 2 regiments will alone have a body of at least 750 in line, while the number from other states will be plentiful. At this time it cannot be stated the exact number which will be in attendance from other states, but it is an assured fact that Illinois will furnish 150, Iowa 200, Kansas 100, Indiana 50, Ohio 50, Colorado 30, Wyoming 27, Missouri 165. The partial promise is that a division composed of thirty six knights will be present from New York City, and also one from Albuquerque, N. M. Major General James Canham, commander of the uniform rank in this country, will be present, as well as General Parsons, of St. Louis, commander of the rank in Missouri.

Where Have They Gone?

DURBIN.

Nothing has been heard from John E. Durbin, whose home is at 1703 Harney street, since the thirteenth of last July. He was then on his way to a district in Illinois to secure evidence to enable him obtain a pension. Mr. Durbin is about thirty six years of age, five feet ten inches in height and his place of business was in a first store on fourteenth street, opposite the Paxton.

CARTER.

The ten-year-old son of Mrs. Elizabeth Carter, who resides at Twenty-seventh and Dodge streets, has been missing since the soldiers' re-union, when he was engaged in selling peanuts on the camp grounds. He has dark brown hair, blue eyes, and a scar over one of the latter.

New Infirmary and Hospital.

After October 1st the Omaha Medical Institute will occupy new quarters in the block just completed at the northwest corner of the thirteenth and Dodge streets. Dr. McManamy, the proprietor, will establish an infirmary and hospital in connection, and add many new features to the business. An establishment of this kind has long been needed, and is a good move on the doctor's part.

Blighty on Shipboard.

Captain O'Donahoe has just returned from Ireland, having left here August 9. He reports a pleasant trip, although the voyage home was rather rough. The captain says that he came over on the Cunard steamer Aurania, and that there was considerable excitement on board owing to the officers refusing to allow any one but a representative of the church of England to hold religious services on board. A Catholic priest and a Methodist and Presbyterian minister were refused the privilege of doing so, and the consequence was that the two, together with an indignation meeting when they reached New York.

Coming to Omaha.

Messrs. McKim & Sperry, general agents for Diebold Safe and Lock Co., will on Oct. 1st open their store in 1415 Farnam st. and will be fully prepared to furnish safe and bank work of all kinds.

Skipped the Town.

There was quite an excitement on Cumming street Saturday night when it was discovered that the Hale brothers, graders and excavators, had left for parts unknown, leaving a number of creditors. Their employees are the principal sufferers, the amount due them being over three hundred dollars. The last work the Hales did was excavating a cellar for Edwin Davis, corner of Fourteenth and Davenport streets. On Tuesday last they sent their teams into Iowa and on Saturday they drove off to the farm. Mr. Davis and left with their families. Mr. Davis has consented to pay the men out of his own pocket.

Collision.

About 11:30 Sunday night, a party of toughs got on street car No. 29, which was standing on Tenth street near the upper Union Pacific crossing, and let the brakes loose. There were no horses attached to the car, and it ran down the lower crossing, where a collision occurred with a freight train. The result was a badly wrecked street car. Fortunately no one was on the car, it being left on the street while another car was being placed in the barn. The smart young men made their escape through an alley leading to the street.

Going to the Wedding.

Colonel Chase, Mrs. James M. Woolworth, Miss Menie Woolworth, Miss Fannie Butterfield, Mr. Paul Horbach and several other Omahans left for Santa Ana, Cal., last night to attend the wedding of Clem C. Chase, of Omaha, to Miss Edw. Davis, of that place, which will take place October 4. The party went by the Missouri Pacific and Texas Pacific direct to Los Angeles.

Lutheran Ladies Society.

The following ladies went to Beatrice yesterday morning to attend the annual meeting of the Lutheran Mission society: Madams J. B. Bruner, Charles Baumann, P. J. Nichols, Fred Drexel, Clara Roder, Jacob Swartzlander, J. F. Althaus, J. Smith and Charles Hambrag.

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